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REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 151-170 are currently pending.

II. Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 151-170 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-150 of U.S. Patent No. 6,740,663. This rejection has been rendered moot by the filing of a terminal disclaimer which accompanies this response. Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the above remarks. The subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-0455. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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